

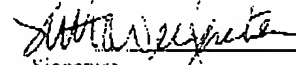
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**AMENDMENT**

Applicants hereby submit this amendment and accompanying Request for Continued Examination in response to the final Office Action mailed August 8, 2006, in the above-referenced application. Applicants concurrently petition for a two-month extension of the period for response. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the \$450.00 fee associated with the petition to Deposit Account No. 23-1703.

Please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.

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As argued above, Haseley does not disclose all the limitations of independent claims 1 or 17. Because the office action does not cite Hays as disclosing, nor does Hays disclose, the limitations of either claims 1 or 17, claims 14 and 23, which depend from them are not unpatentable over Haseley in view of Hays. Therefore, as per the discussion above, Applicants respectfully submit that the rejections of claims 14 and 23 be withdrawn.

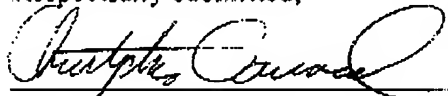
CONCLUSION

Claims 1-25 are pending in the application. Applicants submit that all of these pending claims, for the reasons set forth above, recite patentable subject matter and are in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance are therefore respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge the fee for a two-month extension of time, as well as any additional required fee, to Deposit Account No. 23-1703.

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